

May 11, 2011

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Contract Award – Architectural and Engineering Services for the San Gabriel Valley Park and Ride Project**

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## **Recommendation**

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract in the amount of One Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$195,000) with Johnson Fain to provide Architectural and Engineering and Design Services to develop the design of a Transit Center and Park and Ride Facility in the City of West Covina. This amount will cover Phase I of the project which is limited to providing Site Analysis and Schematic Design.

## **Analysis**

Earlier this year, the City of West Covina approached Foothill Transit concerning the possibility of partnering in the development of a Park and Ride structure on a surface parking lot along West Covina Parkway adjacent to the Westfield Mall. On February 28, 2011 Executive Board Chair Roger Chandler, Executive Director Doran Barnes, and Director of Facilities Roland Cordero met with West Covina City Councilman Mike Touhey, City Manager Andrew Pasmant and Deputy City Manager Chris Freeland to discuss the proposed project.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Foothill Transit and the City of West Covina has been drafted as directed by the Foothill Transit Board at their meeting on April 29, 2011.

On Thursday, May 6, 2011 another meeting was held between Foothill Transit, City of West Covina representatives, and Westfield Management wherein a preliminary design of a Transit Center and Park and Ride was presented to Foothill Transit.

The City of West Covina and Westfield Management have expressed interest in moving forward with the project. In order to further develop the preliminary plans as presented to Foothill Transit, Foothill Transit needs to engage the services of an Architectural and Engineering firm consultant.

On October 1, 2010, Foothill Transit issued Request for Proposals (RFP) 11-011 seeking proposals from architectural and engineering (A&E) firms with specific expertise in parking facility design to provide consulting services to Foothill Transit for the design and construction of a parking structure or structures in the San Gabriel Valley.

Nine proposals were received on November 9, 2010. Because of the varying complexities at each proposed project site, it was recommended that separate

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Architectural and Engineering consultants be selected for each site based on their experience and working knowledge of each site and the complexities of the design at each location. The three highest-rated proposers were assigned accordingly.

Johnson Fain was selected for the West Covina Park and Ride project. Johnson Fain is a fully integrated design studio in architecture, urban design, planning and interior design. Founded by two former University of California Berkeley and Harvard Design School classmates, the firm provides design services in a diverse range of project types. The firm has six Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accredited professionals and is an advocate of sustainable design and environmentally responsible development.

**Fiscal Impact**

Included in the approved Fiscal Year 2012 Business Plan are \$17.9 million for a potential West Covina Park and Ride and Transit Center Project.

Sincerely,



Roland M. Cordero  
Director of Facilities



Doran J. Barnes  
Executive Director